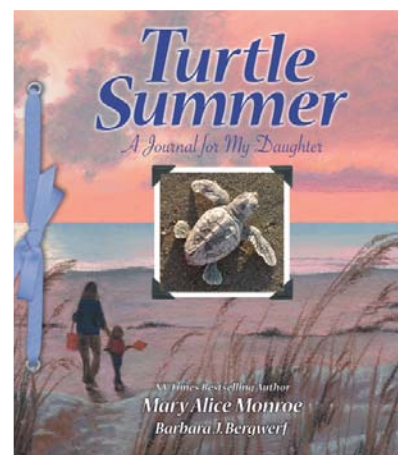


in Their Own Words:

Three Authors Uncover South Carolina's Heritage, History While Pursuing Their Passions

By Kim Simko

For hundreds of years the various landscapes of which South Carolina is comprised have inspired visitors, travelers and residents alike to conquer, explore and observe the state while sharing their findings with others. So it comes as no surprise that many authors have been compelled to pursue their passions here and document their experiences to teach and entertain audiences for generations to come. Here are just three.

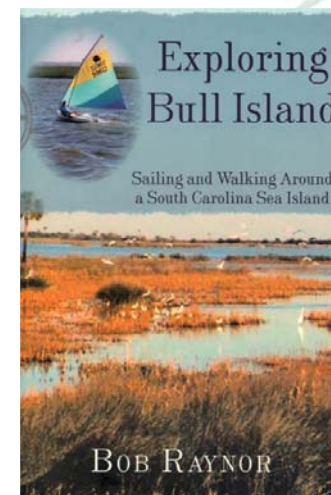


Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe

Turtle Summer, an educational photographic journal, documents the season which *NY Times* best-selling author, Mary Alice Monroe, and her daughter spent together on a South Carolina beach as turtle team members. Dedicated to helping Loggerhead sea turtles throughout the endangered species' breeding season, they identify and protect sea turtle nests to increase the hatchlings' chance of survival to adulthood.

Through photos, descriptions and personal memories, Monroe recounts how the mother/daughter team witnesses a Loggerhead coming ashore to lay her eggs, identifies turtle tracks and watches hatchlings begin their journey to the sea.

Additionally, in an effort to educate readers on Loggerhead sea turtle facts, *Turtle Summer* provides five activity pages designed for teachers and parents to use with students and children. The book also includes information on common shells, birds and flowers that can be found along the South Carolina shoreline.

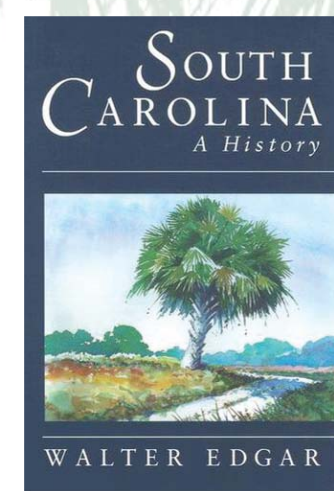


Exploring Bull Island: Sailing and Walking Around a South Carolina Sea Island by Bob Raynor

What started as a personal account for family members and friends after a visit to Bull Island ultimately brought forth the inspiration for author Bob Raynor to take a series of voyages to the island and document the details. Throughout the course of a year, Raynor, who resides in South Carolina along the Intracoastal Waterway just a sailboat ride away from Bull Island, documented monthly visits he made to the island via his trusty sailboat, *Kingfisher*.

A combination of research on the island's cultural history, with the nature enthusiast's humble observations, describes how European settlers, Native Americans, former residents of the island and natural disasters, such as Hurricane Hugo, have sculpted Bull Island into what it is today.

Each journal entry is accompanied by a map of the island that charts the path of his journey by sail and by foot, weather conditions, and his encounters with individuals and native wildlife amid his expeditions. Raynor's respect for nature is evident as he seeks to increase his knowledge of the history and the geographical composition of the island.



South Carolina: A History by Walter Edgar

After traveling the state and tapping local resources, including museums, libraries and historical societies, Walter Edgar pieces together a comprehensive chronicle that spans nearly 500 years of recorded experiences in South Carolina.

Through painstaking research, Edgar unfolds the facts in a way that guides the reader from South Carolina's earliest Pre-Projectile Point Horizon time period. According to Edgar, humans first entered the area now known as South Carolina nearly 15,000 years ago, when glaciers were still present on North America. Following chapters detail the first established Colonies in South Carolina, the state's role during the American Revolution, as well as antebellum South Carolina.

This book finally takes the reader to the end of the 20th century, describing how an agricultural-based economy evolved into South Carolina's present-day economical status, where tourism and industry play major parts.

Additionally, the University of South Carolina professor documents the pivotal roles played by the state of South Carolina, as well as generations of South Carolinians in the nation's history.